

## Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department "Adopt-A-Park" Program

## **Adopt-A-Park Program (Philosophy)**

This program presents a great opportunity for interaction between Greensboro Parks and Recreation and the community. Parks and Recreation wishes to encourage a cooperative effort to enhance and improve areas throughout the community. This is a very positive approach to beautification in the neighborhood areas. Parks and Recreation can supply knowledge and experience. There is also the flexibility of financially helping the neighborhood enhance their area. This program will have long-term effects and participants should be encouraged to plan accordingly.

## What We Ask of the Volunteers

- 1. What do you want? Is there a specific plan?
- 2. Commitment for maintenance.
- 3. If the plan includes irrigation, what can your organization provide financially?
- 4. What type of plant materials do you want?
- 5. Suggestions of what volunteers can do:
  - a. Tree planting and maintenance
  - b. Landscape planting and maintenance
  - c. Develop planting plan/design (must be approved by Parks & Recreation)
  - d. Mulching
  - e. Weeding, Edging, Watering
  - f. Sharing in purchase of playground and park equipment
  - g. Monitoring vandalism
  - h. Litter and debris pickup as needed
  - I. Additional ideas?

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## What the City May Provide

- 1. Assistance in planting/plant design
- 2. Mulch (if available)
- 3. Assistance in preparation of bed areas
- 4. Planting assistance
- 5. If basic plans are left up to Parks and Recreation, examples of what can be done are College Park, Oaks West, and Fisher Park
- 6. Playground equipment provided by the City must first be placed in the City budget
- 7. Approve the landscape design, materials suggested and plants desired
- 8. Removal of heavy debris
- 9. Provide partial funding and installation of irrigation system if feasible
- 10. Repair/maintain park and playground equipment as needed
- 11. Mowing
- 12. Deliver sand and topsoil as needed and available
- 13. Provide official Adopt-A-Park sign
- 14. <u>If maintenance becomes a problem, the City reserves the right to remove beds and revert area back to a natural state.</u>

The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to working with you to develop an Adopt-A-Park program for your neighborhood park. For more information about the Adopt-A-Park Program, please contact Mitzi Dew at 336-373-2578 or email her at <a href="mitzi.dew@greensboro-nc.gov">mitzi.dew@greensboro-nc.gov</a>.